The Hall of Records also maintains a library of official publications of the various State agencies, and all State agencies are required to deposit one copy of each official publication with the Hall of Records (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 103). The Hall of Records is further responsible for the editing and preparation of the MARYLAND MANUAL for 1950.

Expenditures, 1949 \$45,550.96 Appropriation, 1950 47,619.00

Staff: 11

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION

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The Department of Information was established as a separate State agency on June 1, 1949. It existed hitherto as a division of the Hall of Records Commission, having been authorized by the Board of Public Works on February 17, 1948. The Department is a central agency for the dissemination of information concerning the State. Under law (Acts 1949, Ch. 665) the department is empowered to collect and assemble data about Maryland and to distribute it in the form of maps, films, photographs, pamphlets, posters, press and radio releases, and by other means to the public in general and to institutions of learning in particular. It is further authorized to promote the interests of Maryland and its products. In this respect, the Department serves as a center of information for the encouragement of tourism and vacation trade in the State. Its work is carried on in cooperation with the Hall of Records.

Expenditures, 1949 \$11,862.09 Appropriation, 1950 \$27,602.00 Staff: 4.

WAR RECORDS DIVISION

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The War Records Division was established in 1945. The Division was established under delegation of authority from the Board of Public Works to the Maryland Historical Society for the purpose of collecting and assembling data and records in regard to Maryland's participation in World War II. The Division is securing information regarding the service record of each Maryland resident who was a member of the Armed Forces during the War. In addition the Division is collecting data concerning the participation of Maryland industry as well as information about the activities of civic and patriotic groups during the war. The Division is further authorized to publish such